

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please AMEND the first line on the first page of the specification by inserting the following paragraph:

This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application PCT/JP02/09385, filed September 12, 2002, it being further noted that foreign priority benefit is based upon Japanese Patent Application 2001-280187, filed September 14, 2001.

Please AMEND the paragraph starting on page 4, line 14, as indicated below:

Figs. 4(a) and 4(b) are~~Fig. 4~~ is views illustrating the internal construction of a gas discharge tube;

Please AMEND the paragraph starting on page 4, line 18, as indicated below;

Figs. 6(a) and 6(b) are~~Fig. 6~~ is views illustrating a general construction of a redraw apparatus;